

Table 4. Selected National Average Natural Gas Prices, 1997-2003

(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Wellhead Price ^a	City Gate Price	Consumer Prices					Electric Utilities Price
			Residential Price	Commercial		Industrial		
				Price	% of Total ^b	Price	% of Total ^b	
1997 Annual Average	2.32	3.66	6.94	5.80	70.8	3.59	18.1	2.78
1998 Annual Average	1.96	3.07	6.82	5.48	67.0	3.14	16.1	2.40
1999 Annual Average	2.19	3.10	6.69	5.33	66.1	3.12	18.8	2.62
2000 Annual Average	3.69	4.62	7.76	6.59	62.9	4.45	19.8	4.38
2001								
January	6.82	8.91	10.12	9.50	72.7	8.77	22.1	9.49
February	5.08	7.08	10.26	9.80	71.6	7.24	21.7	7.18
March	4.37	6.10	9.85	9.13	69.0	6.35	20.4	5.90
April	4.52	6.30	10.16	9.01	66.3	6.16	19.5	5.82
May	4.36	5.77	11.14	9.19	60.7	5.49	17.9	5.29
June	3.80	5.38	11.59	8.50	59.3	4.80	17.6	4.37
July	3.36	4.03	11.22	7.90	54.2	4.13	18.5	3.85
August	3.34	4.32	10.89	7.61	53.6	4.01	18.0	3.64
September	2.94	3.66	10.17	6.96	53.8	3.56	18.2	3.03
October	2.81	3.37	8.24	6.39	59.9	3.23	18.7	2.78
November	3.42	4.02	7.98	6.79	64.8	3.92	18.7	3.32
December	3.44	3.90	7.30	6.35	67.9	3.75	19.4	3.14
Annual Average	4.02	5.72	9.64	8.43	65.8	5.28	19.3	4.61
2002								
January	^E 2.35	^R 4.04	^R 7.29	6.48	^R 79.1	4.08	^R 17.4	3.31
February	^E 2.14	^R 3.77	7.27	6.43	^R 79.5	^R 3.72	^R 17.9	3.05
March	^E 2.52	^R 3.85	^R 7.06	6.26	^R 79.3	^R 3.80	17.7	3.50
April	^E 3.02	^R 4.17	^R 7.65	^R 6.55	75.8	^R 3.62	^R 23.2	3.90
May	^E 3.01	^R 4.07	8.54	^R 6.63	^R 72.9	^R 4.02	^R 21.0	3.88
June	^E 2.94	4.14	^R 9.57	6.56	^R 72.0	^R 3.83	^R 22.5	3.67
July	^E 2.89	^R 3.92	10.15	6.52	^R 71.7	3.78	^R 20.8	3.53
August	^E 2.77	^R 3.62	^R 10.40	6.40	^R 69.7	3.64	^R 19.4	3.47
September	^E 2.98	4.07	10.19	^R 6.44	^R 68.9	^R 3.87	^R 19.5	3.76
October	^E 3.35	^R 4.29	8.56	6.52	^R 72.9	^R 4.14	^R 18.8	4.26
November	^E 3.59	^R 4.61	7.98	^R 6.75	^R 79.0	^R 4.67	^R 19.3	4.49
December	^E 3.84	^R 4.69	^R 7.80	^R 7.07	^R 79.4	^R 4.87	^R 20.1	4.85
Annual Average	^E 2.95	^R 4.14	^R 7.86	^R 6.57	^R 76.6	^R 4.00	^R 19.8	3.77
2003								
January	^E 4.47	^R 5.26	^R 8.07	^R 7.31	^R 81.4	^R 5.30	22.8	5.12
February	^E 5.45	^R 5.88	^R 8.41	7.83	^R 78.9	^R 6.15	^R 21.9	6.38
March	^E 6.69	7.61	10.29	10.70	79.9	8.08	21.2	NA
2003 YTD ^c	^E 5.54	6.10	8.76	8.33	80.1	6.43	22.0	NA
2002 YTD ^c	^E 2.34	3.89	7.21	6.39	79.3	3.87	17.7	3.30
2001 YTD ^c	5.42	7.51	10.09	9.49	71.3	7.50	21.4	7.51

^a See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 10, for discussion of wellhead prices.

^b Percentage of total deliveries represented by onsystem sales, see Figure 6. See Table 25 for State data.

^c Year-to-date price represents months for which price information is available in the current year. The electric utility year-to-date price is 1 month behind the wellhead, city gate, residential, commercial, and industrial year-to-date prices.

^R Revised Data.

^E Estimated Data.

^{NA} Not Available.

Notes: Data for 1997 through 2001 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Sources: 1997-2001: Energy Information Administration (EIA) *Natural Gas Annual 2001*. January 2002 through current month: EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form EIA-910, "Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey," Form FERC-423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants," and EIA estimates.